

Appendix 2 – ‘Other persons’ Representation

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Sent: 12 January 2026 17:25
To: licensing (CCity) <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
Cc: Cllr Richard Robertson (Cambridge City - Petersfield)
[REDACTED] Cllr Mike Davey (Cambridge City - Petersfield)
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Subject: Objection: Licence application by the ‘Gusto Organic Café’ at 172 East Rd

Dear licensing@cambridge.gov.uk,

I am a member of the public.

This Objection is being sent via licensing@cambridge.gov.uk, per the City Council website.

Please:

1. forward my Objection to whatever or whomever is responsible for collecting input from the public on this; and
2. email me to confirm that this has been done.

My full Objection to the Licence application by the ‘Gusto Organic Café’ at 172 East Road is given below my signature.

This email is cc’d to my three Petersfield Ward Councillors, to ensure they are all aware and can take appropriate measures.

Yours sincerely,

Dr J V Neal

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OBJECTION

I Object to the granting of a licence to sell alcohol at ‘Gusto Organic Café’ on 172 East Road, CAMBRIDGE, Cambridgeshire, CB1 1BG:

- 09:00-23:00 (too many hours) over 7 days of the week (Mon-Sun)
- for sales of alcohol both on and off site during these excessively long hours.

This premises is:

- directly across the street from the 600-pupil St Matthew’s Primary School;
- on the route taken to and from home for many Parkside Community College students; and
- very near the vulnerable adults accommodated at Jimmy’s Night Shelter.

East Road has for many years needed to tackle serious problems with public drunkenness and associated antisocial behaviour, and has been a Cumulative Impact Zone.

The current level of public drunkenness, as well as both drug and alcohol abuse is an ongoing serious problem that must not be exacerbated by the approval of this very extensive on- and off-site licence at Gusto’s on East Road.

Note that the Licensing Act requires consideration of four licensing objectives:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- the prevention of public nuisance
- the protection of children from harm.

Plainly, all four of these considerations are directly relevant to this application by Gusto for such this overly extensive on- and off-site licence at this very sensitive location.

These comments draw on my knowledge and experience as:

- a parent of children formerly at both St Matthew’s Primary School and at Parkside Community College;
- formerly, a Vice Chair of the Governing Body at St Matthew’s Primary School;
- formerly, Chair of the Petersfield Community Trust (PACT); and
- an active and concerned local resident for 45 years of the St Matthew’s area of North Petersfield.

I would have no objection to the granting of an on-site (only) licence, for the responsibly managed consumption of alcohol inside the Café – during hours comparable to those granted to a pub that also sells food to its on-site customers.

Yours sincerely,

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